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C O N F I D E N T I A L LISBON 527

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS PO

SUBJ: CDS TO CONTINUE IF IT CAN

REF: LISBON 429 (NOTAL) LISBON 465

SUMMARY: CDS WILL NOT QUIT POLITICAL SCENE AND WILL TRY TO  
RESCHDEULE ITS CONGRESS. PARTY HAS ISSUED COMMUNIQUE STRONGLY  
CRITICAL OF PRESS, OTHER PARTIES, AND GOVERNMENT FOR TREATMENT  
CDS RECEIVES. END SUMMARY.

1. ADELINO AMARO DA COSTA, SECRETARY GENERAL, CENTRO DEMOCRATICO  
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SOCIAL (CDS), TOLD EMBOFF JAN 28 THAT PARTY HAS NO PLANS

TO DISSOLVE AND IF FACT WILL TRY TO RESCHEDULE INTERRUPTED CONGRESS FOR LATE FEBRUARY. CDS BELIEVES THAT TO QUIT NOW WOULD ONLY PLAY INTO HANDS OF FAR LEFT EXTREMISTS.

2. CDS BITTER AT CONTINUED FAILURE OF GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE ITS WORKERS PHYSICAL PROTECTION, AND HAS ISSUED COMMUNIQUE CHALLENGING STATEMENT OF OPORTO MILITARY REGION THAT AT NO TIME WERE CONGRESS DELEGATES IN DANGER. FACT IS, STATES CDS, THAT DANGER EXTREME INASMUCH AS MOB ARMED. INCIDENTS IN OPORTO WERE NOT SPONTANEOUS BUT CAREFULLY PLANNED, CONTINUES COMMUNIQUE. CDS ASKS WHERE FAR LEFT IS RECEIVING ITS FUNDS AND WARNS THAT A "CLIMATE FAVORABLE TO EXTREMIST VIOLENCE" SEEMS TO EXIST IN PORTUGAL AT PRESENT TIME. COMMUNIQUE ENDS WITH STRONG COMPLAINT THAT LOCAL PRESS HAS IGNORED CDS, FAILED TO COVER SUBSTANTIVE SESSIONS OF CONGRESS WHILE CONCENTRATING ON DEMONSTRATION, AND CONSISTENTLY LIES ABOUT TRUE NATURE AND INTENTIONS OF PARTY.

3. PRESS HERE NOTES ON SIDE PAGES THAT BRITISH LABOR PARTY PLANS TO SEND TWO DEPUTIES FROM ITS LEFTWING TO INVESTIGATE INCIDENTS IN OPORTO AND THAT A COUNCIL OF EUROPE DELEGATION WILL ALSO ARRIVE TO PREPARE A REPORT ON WHAT HAPPENED.

4. NEIGHER PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES NOR PRIME MINISTER GONCALVES HAS MADE ANY ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING BREAKUP OF CDS CONGRESS, ALTHOUGH LOW-LEVEL SPOKESMAN IN ATTER'S OFFICE REGRETTED INCIDENTS WHEN ASKED TO COMMENT BY PRESS. PRESS HAS DROPPED STORY FROM FRONT PAGES. PARTY, GOVERNMENT, AND PRESS HAVE GIVEN MUCH LOWER-KEY TREATMENT TO CDS CONGRESS THAN THEY DID TO NOV AQOUR SACKING OF CDS HEADQUARTERS.

5. COMMENT: CDS EXPECTS TO PICK UP ELECTORAL SUPPORT FROM INCIDENT BUT FEARS THAT IT WILL SUFFER ORGANIZATIONALLY IN FUTURE SINCE ITS WORKERS AFRAID TO WORK ON ITS BEHALF GIVEN PERSISTENT FAILURE OF GOVERNMENT TO PROTECT PARTY. ALTHOUGH FOREIGN FUNDING FOR CDS MAY INCREASE AS EUROPEAN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS REACT, BASIC QUESTION REMAINS WHETHER PARTY WILL CONTINUE TO BE INTIMIDATED WITH GOP ACQUIESCENCE.

6. IN AN EXCHANGE I HAD WITH COSTA GOMES ON THIS SUBJECT ON JANUARY 28, HE CRITICIZED CDS LEADERSHIP AS LACKING CREDIBILITY. CONFIDENTIAL

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I DID NOT DRAW FROM CONVERSATION ANY SENSE THAT HE WOULD RISK HIS OWN "CREDIBILITY" BY TAKING STRONG ACTION TO PROTECT CDS. CARLUCCI

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